Decline in income in urban areas

†4219. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that income in urban areas in several States has decreased last year in comparison to the National average in other years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) According to the Central Statistical Organisation, the Directorates of Economics and Statistics of the State Government are responsible for compiling the estimates of State income. They, however, do not compile estimates of income separately for the urban areas. In the absence of such estimates, no comparison can be made of income variations in urban areas in different States.

Irregularities in the sale of CMC Ltd.

4220. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Powered Committee of Government which was set up under his Chairmanship to scrutinize some cases of disinvestments of Public Sector Undertakings by previous Government has come across a series of irregularities both procedural and substantial in the sale of C.M.C. Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No High Powered Committee of Government has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Finance Minister to scrutinise some cases of disinvestments of Public Sector Undertakings by previous Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

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